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Los Angeles, California
Post Office & Courthouse

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Gentlemen:

Your letter of June 10, 1949 addressed to the Fourth Assistant Postmaster General asking to be advised as to what jurisdiction was acquired by the United States over the Post Office and Courthouse property at Los Angeles, California, has been referred to this Administration for reply.

The land comprising the original site was acquired by the United States on November 18, 1904 and the additional land was acquired on February 13, 1932.

The United States acquired jurisdiction over the land by virtue of the provisions of Cal. Pol. Code (Deering, 1937) pt. 1, sec. 34, subject to the express condition that " * * * all civil process issued from the courts of this state, and such criminal process as may issue under the authority of this state, against any person charged with crime, may be served and executed thereon in the same mode and manner and by the same officers as if the purchase or condemnation had not been made. (Enacted 1872)." No written acceptance of the jurisdiction so ceded to the United States was required prior to the Act of Congress amending the provisions of U.S.C. title 40, sec. 255, approved April 9, 1940.

Very truly yours,

(signed) W. E. Reynolds

Commissioner of Public Buildings

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